

REGION V REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE
Thursday, April 12, 2012

Present: Carmen Babb, Marla Schnidt, Carmalin Resz, Debbie Thomas, John Hathaway, Jaci Urie, Lauri Heward, Bev Ashton, Marsha Stallones, Eric Jones, Ross Edmunds, Gina Wescott, Krysta Matthews, Duke Morton, Nancy Kunau, Scott Rasmussen, Helen Edwards, Eileen Levings, Frances Wright, Anna Hanson, Darrell Roskelley, Mike Waite, Sally Bryan, Angenie Bryan, Gary Kaufman,

Issue	Discussion	Action
Meeting was held at DHW on Poleline Road, Twin Falls.	Introductions and Welcome to RAC members and MH board member. Approval of RAC Minutes for February 9, 2012	A motion was made to accept the Minutes of February 9, 2012 by Marsha Stallones and seconded by Laurie Heward. Minutes approved.
Update from Division of Behavioral Health –Ross Edmunds	Ross Edmunds was joined by Gina Westcott and provided an update from Department of Health and Welfare-Division of Behavioral Health regarding Behavioral Health Services transformation. He provided copies of the “Transforming Idaho’s Behavioral Health System” white paper/concept paper. Ross provided some history about how system review and recommendations came about over last 5 years with WITCHE report, Legislative task force, Transformation Task Force and lately the Behavioral Health Intra-Agency Cooperative which stated stop reviewing and now start an implementation phase. Senator Stegnar was a visionary regarding this process with desire for locus of control to move from central office to local model with providing funding to the regions. However, there was no Body in the region to do the work. There were pilot projects in Regions 7 & 2 and out of the pilot projects	

	<p>came the idea to look at the Health District model. It was recognized that it would be difficult to do pilot projects on a statewide basis as statute would need to be changes. An attempt to write new legislation (Title 39, Chapter 31) occurred but when subcommittee for transformation looked at the changes the concern was in pursuing the statutory changes too quickly. Instead the decision was made to get local input. Currently there is a need to combine MHB and RAC so that the 10 years of review and recommend can end and implementation can occur. So the white paper was created as an attempt to try and describe what the system should look like. Transformation will happen in one of two ways; either happens to us or we can help design with local control with impacts coming from State Medicaid Managed Care and impacts from Affordable Care Act which in its current form anybody up to 133% of the poverty level qualifies for Medicaid. Nearly everyone we currently serve will qualify. Goal is to have communities control their own destiny with DHW serving to support the services until the Regional Behavioral Health Transformation Boards demonstrate readiness to manage own funds. Discussed the concern of an unfunded mandate and Ross reported that there will be a fiscal impact of any responsibilities and that the Legislature must find “seed money” that can allow for hiring and development of policies and local surveys for example. There will be no local seed money until region can demonstrate readiness. Until that time the RAC and MHB will function as they are. All entities on the Transformation Board are asked to do a concept paper. Examples being the schools and Juvenile Courts. State will ask for the new, one time funding to give to local communities, ex. two year seed money. Ross went on to describe other ways local investment can occur including Managed Medicaid provider will invest there overage profit as can only earn a certain amount per the RFP. Ross provided update on Medicaid Managed Care RRP-currently in draft and in the black out period. RFP is target to be out in early to middle May with a question and answer period</p>	
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	<p>for 90 days followed by a review period with the award of contract in Fall of 2012 with about one year later ramp up services for SUD. Per legislature, the BPA contract for SUD can be extended only until July 1, 2013. Therefore by January 1, 2013 legislation will look to combine MH/RAC with the State MH Council becomes the State BH Board. Ideas for moving forward were discussed including combining the MH and RAC boards into a Regional Behavioral Health Board with subcommittees for Prevention, Children, SUD, Housing, Transportation, Employment, and Stigma Reduction as initial suggestions. Goal will be to start meeting together, decide upon leadership and formalize the subcommittees with need to recruit more ex-officio members to include educators, faith-based, business representatives, and United Way as partners. Concern about facing a different legislature in 2013 was mentioned. Ross ended his discussion with sharing that Budget for State has been set for FY 13 with same as this current year. No realignment of funds between the entities but the 1 million overage is being worked on between DHW and IDOC to get client identified and aligned into correct funding pots.</p>	
<p>Update from Special RAC meeting on 3-26-12 with Debbie Thomas, Kim Dopson, Bev Ashton and John Hathaway</p>	<p>Debbie reported on the outcomes of the Executive Board committee meeting regarding how to best utilize the remainder of the RAC budget based on membership at large recommendations. Two ICADD scholarships have been awarded as follows with a half scholarship being awarded to RAC chair. Each recipient is expected to present to the RAC in June or via email on the information they learned and how it could be utilized in our community.</p> <p>\$300 ICADD scholarship (Marsha Stallones) \$100 ICADD travel/hotel expenses (Marsha Stallones) \$300 ICADD scholarship (Gay Yow) \$100 ICADD travel/hotel expenses (Gay Yow) \$150 ICADD half scholarship (Debbie Thomas)</p>	

	<p>Additional funds of \$400 for 2500 Prescription Take Back brochures will be spend with Jerome Printing.</p> <p>The remainder of the budget up to \$2300 will be spend on a local conference on Marijuana/Haze/Spice in early May with Drug Educators Monte Stiles and Jeremy Blades including brochures with Bev taking organizational leadership and John Hathaway working to leverage supporting funds with CSI, SIPAD and SPAN. Goal will be for daytime event for 200-300 students and evening event for 100-200.</p>	<p>Committee meeting to plan event will be at 2 pm at Snake River Detention Center on Monday, April 16,2012.</p>
Update from Bureau of Substance Use Disorders	<p>The March/April 2012 Newsletter was distributed via email to everyone previously and highlights were mentioned. Shared highlights of the Provider meeting that occurred on 3-2-12 in Region 5.</p>	
Update from DHW CRD	<p>Currently the CRD position is on hold and our RAC is being supported by Jaime Teeters. Ross Edmunds shared on 3-26-12 that in an effort to move forward with transformation of the RACs and MH Boards, the CRDS positions will no longer be a part of the Quality Assurance Program. Over the next year, it will be increasingly important for the CRDS' to be involved in changes that will impact the RACs and MH Boards. Instead of reporting to me and splitting their time between QA and SUD, the CRDS positions will transition to reporting to Ryan Porter in the SUD program. The CRDS' will continue to provide QA support until the time they are transitioned from the QA program to the SUD program. Again, we do not have a target date for this transition but I wanted to give you all a heads up that this change will be taking place in the coming month(s) so you can plan accordingly. The CRDS' are aware of this change as well.</p> <p>The SUD program is also planning to fill the vacant CRDS positions in Regions 5, 6, & 7 (currently Kama Johnson covers Region 7 and Jaime Teeters covers Region 5).</p>	

Prescription Drug Committee	Currently more Prescription Take Back brochures on on order with Jerome Printing.	
Tobacco/Alcohol Diversion Court	No report as Nancy Kunau agreed to wait until June meeting as time in meeting was limited.	
Update from BPA	Jaime Goffin was unable to attend but provided report that BPA hired Doug Hullett as BPA Regional Field Clinical Staff for Region 6 & 7 and Gordon Miller with My House is approved as a Safe Sober Housing Provider for Region 5.	
Update from Benchmark	Annette Ludington was not able to attend but reported that Applications for Prevention funds through Benchmark is online at www.preventionidaho.net with a deadline of 4/30/12 with technical help calls scheduled for next week with dates and times on the website. Also Benchmark has sponsored several scholarships in Region 5 for ICADD including Carmen Aurila, Kent Thibault and Maria Villicana with Catholic Charities of Idaho and Heidi Diehl and Stacy Godfrey with The Walker Center.	
Specialty Drug Court Reports	No reports as time did not allow.	
Other Items	No other reports as time did not allow.	
Next Meeting: June 14, 2012 at 9:30 am at Department of Health and Welfare on Poleline Road, Twin Falls.	Meeting adjourned.	